

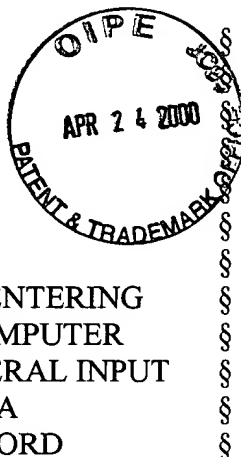
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicant:  
Stephen C. Murphy

Serial No.: 09/069,728

Filed: April 29, 1998

Title: A METHOD FOR ENTERING  
DATA INTO A COMPUTER  
USING A PERIPHERAL INPUT  
DEVICE HAVING A  
RETRACTABLE CORD



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REPLY TO AN OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 17, 2000

Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed February 17, 2000, please amend the claims as follows:

In claim 17, line 3, please insert --to-- between "mouse" and "the".

REMARKS

In an Office Action mailed on February 17, 2000, claim 17 was objected to because of an informality; claims 1-3, 8-12, 14-17 and 19-21 were rejected 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Owen; and claims 4-7, 13 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Owen. Claim 17 has been amended to overcome the objection and the § 102 and § 103 rejections of the claims are respectfully traversed.

Date of Deposit: 4/19/00  
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